

This comment is in support of RM-10806 and Frank Napurano's proposal. CW proficiency permits emergency operations with the most minimal of equipment and resources and the loss of this skill will severely undermine the ability of US amateurs to continue to support emergency operations in contexts prohibiting other modes. Phone, digital, and video modes demand significantly more fragile and sophisticated hardware. On off keying of continuous wave radio signals remains the most practical response to any number of communications emergencies where more sophisticated modes are, for any number of reasons, unavailable or inoperative.